



Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the *Federal Register* concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain . Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed

collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Web Site address at Web Site address at:

[https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-](https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html)

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term “collection of information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the *Federal Register* concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection (Request for a new OMB Control Number); *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare-Funded GME Residency Positions in accordance with Section 126 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-93); *Use:* Section 126 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), 2021 (Public Law 116-93), enacted December 20, 2020, included a key provision affecting Medicare payments for Graduate Medical Education (GME). Section 126(a) of the CAA amended section 1886(h) of the Act by adding a new section 1886(h)(9) requiring the distribution of additional residency positions (slots) to qualifying hospitals. Section 1886(h)(9)(A) makes an additional 1,000 Medicare funded residency slots available to be phased in beginning in FY 2023 until the aggregate number of 1,000 full-time equivalent residency positions are distributed.

This approval request is for CMS to receive electronic applications for Medicare-Funded GME Residency Positions submitted in accordance with Section 126 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. The electronic applications will be submitted by the applicants in CMS' new Medicare Electronic Application Request Information System™ (MEARIS™). There is no existing, hard copy version of the application. The applications will provide CMS with the critical information necessary for CMS to process and score the applications in accordance with the policies finalized in the upcoming final rule to determine the disbursement of the slots and to announce the awardees by the January 31, 2023 required statutory deadline. *Form Number:* CMS-10790 (OMB control number: 0938-NEW); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* Private sector (Business or other for-profits and Not-for-profit institutions), State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 1,325; *Total Annual Responses:* 1,325; *Total Annual Hours:* 10,600. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Noel Manlove at 410-786-5161.)

Dated: January 6, 2022.

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Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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